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Nomination of Officers

In the last issue of the TNA News, I issued the official call for nomination of officers to serve in the 1993-1994 term. The actual mechanics of the nomination process were outlined in that call. I hope each of you individual members and each Chapter have given this process some serious thought, since little time remains if you have not already done your part in placing appropriate names in nomination

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Austin on September 27, two individuals expressed their intentions to become candidates for the office of TNA President. Walt Woelper, long time Governor of District X, who resides in El Paso, and Joe Olson, TNA's Legal Advisor, from Waco, both announced their intention to run for that office Our 2nd Vice President, Leo E DeLand of Fort Worth, and our Secretary, Barbara Lowell of Carrollton, have also stated that they intend to become candidates for the coming term It is good to see such early interest and enthusiasm among our officers Those of you who have attended our last two board meetings, which are always open to all members, have seen some real advances made. Our attending officers have faced the Association's problems squarely and professionally They have discussed and evaluated the options, and have taken corrective action It is extremely rewarding to see the energy and attentiveness that is now present in board meetings.

Please do your part to nominate candidates as you see fit, and then support those that are nominated who, in your opinion, will do the best in

administering our Association in the coming years. Campaign for your favorites, and then be sure to vote when you receive your ballot. Far too few of you actually exercise your right to vote. Please express your wishes via the nominating and voting processes! Your vote DOES count.

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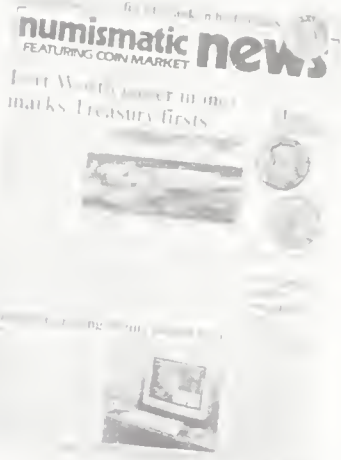

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President's Message
Ray Whyborn

As the year 1992 rapidly becomes another page in the history books, we must pause to reflect on the year's events. Each of us should give thanks for the many blessings that we have received. We live in a truly free country. We have a choice in how and where we live and in who governs us. We can, and do, worship where we please and as we please. We need only cast our eyes in any direction to see others in this world that are racially and religiously oppressed, or are hungry and destitute beyond description. We have so very much to be thankful for, but we take it all for granted. It did not come without a very steep price! I am especially thankful to all of our active duty and retired armed forces personnel and to all of our veterans for their services and sacrifices over the years to provide and protect the freedoms that we currently enjoy.

I always look forward to the holiday season with excitement. It is the time when we focus more on those most dear to us. We share greetings, gifts and good wishes with friends and relatives and we think fondly of those who are far away but are still important to us. There are visits, parties, dinners, cards and all sorts of other ways by which we communicate our feelings and strive for closeness. Many of our Chapters have an annual Christmas party, dinner or other get-together. That is usually the best attended meeting of the entire year, and is always a great time. Many cities and towns which have more than one Chapter even have a combined meeting for the holidays.

Some have gift exchanges, others have charity auctions. Most of them invite their members' families to attend their special annual gathering. I've attended many of these and they are great fun. It's a wonderful way to meet others who share numismatic interests, and it is nice to meet the spouses and children of the various members as well. I hope that your home Chapter has one of these special holiday meetings. If it does, I hope you make every effort to attend, and enjoy the holiday spirit with your friends and fellow members.

Mary Jane joins me in wishing each of you a very happy holiday season. "Merry Christmas," "Feliz Navidad," and "Shalom Aleichem" to each and every one of you. May God be with you and shower you and your loved ones with blessings and good health at this joyous time of year. May you all have a happy and prosperous new year

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS!

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From the 1st Vice President...
Mac Kennady

Dear fellow members - I wish to welcome to TNA membership our latest Chapter Member: that of the Williamson County Coin Club. This club is a new one, having been organized just a few months ago The unusual thing about this club is that it was conceived and organized almost entirely by an outstanding young numismatist, Gabe Proctor, who lives in Georgetown. Gabe is a high school student, only 16 years of age, and a member of TNA. I think Gabe is to be congratulated for his interest in numismatics and for his organizational ability in accomplishing this. Gabe, by the way, is the club President - a very deserving honor

Your TNA dues are due. In the center of this issue you will find an envelope for your remittance. The envelope has the TNA Secretary's address pre-printed Dues should be paid by January 1, 1993 I encourage you to pay your dues promptly. It will save the Association additional postage and will certainly save our secretary the additional work of sending out second notices When you remit, please be certain that your full name and address are shown and that your check has all of the above information Dues are Regular Members - $15 00, Junior Members $7.00, Associate Members - $6 00, Chapter Members - $15.00. Don't forget that Regular and Chapter Members may, by paying $60 00, get 5 years membership You pay for four years but get five years membership. Not a bad deal!

And don't forget that officer nominations are now open, be sure to nominate those whom you feel will

serve you and TNA well in leading the organization for the next two years. Your President, Ray Whyborn, covered all of this in the October 1992 issue of the TNA News. Refer to that issue for the details in making nominations

In your plans for 1993 please be certain to include the TNA Convention, which is to be held in Fort Worth the last weekend in May. Lots of dealers and lots of numismatic material from which to choose will be available. Watch these pages for additional information on this convention. It really is not too early to begin making your plans. Hope to see you there. I'll talk to you again in the next issue, which will be in February 1993.

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A Few Words From the Editor
Bob Metzger

Here we are, nearly to the end of 1992. I don't know how adept you are at predicting the future, but if anyone had told me twelve months ago that I would be sitting here preparing the sixth and final issue of the year's TNA News, I would have questioned that individual's sanity, not just his or her prescience. But, due to a combination of both TNA and personal circumstances, here I sit, writing this message. I sincerely hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter even half as much as I have enjoyed putting it together, it's more work than I expected, but it's also far more rewarding than I had anticipated. I'm ready for another year of it.

As the holiday season approaches, many of us will be looking around for gift ideas for our friends and relatives. My own wish list usually includes a few numismatic reference books or organization memberships, and I don't hesitate to give the same to others, taking into account, of course, their ages and interests. A few years ago, I gave my then 8-year-old son a small bag of circulated Mercury dimes, carefully salted with a significant number of coins he needed for his collection. No 16-D, no 21's, but a bunch of the others. I won't forget his excitement searching through the bag and finding a bunch of the ones that he needed, and upgrading some he already had. A few days later, he was trading the duplicates with friends. This was not expensive, the same can be done with Indian or Lincoln Cents and V- or Buffalo Nickels, for a relatively small amount of money, or even out of those duplicates already cluttering up your safe

deposit box. Proof sets, birth year sets, a few pounds of world coins, assortments of good for, transportation or Civil War tokens, a colorful mix of foreign paper money, and many other interesting items or club memberships can be bought very inexpensively and can spark an interest in a hobby that will last a lifetime. Should we worry whether the recipient will ever look at the item again, if it will just "go to waste"? Not any more than we worry whether the toy we buy will ever be played with, or the article of clothing ever be worn. Think about it.

Last issue I reminded TNA Chapters that I would like to see all of them represented in the District Meeting section of the TNA News, but need their input for that to happen. There has been a good response, and you will notice some reports in this issue from clubs we hadn't heard from in a while. Keep up the good work, reporters, and let's hear from a few more next time. Let's see if, by the end of 1993, we can hear from each and every Chapter in the state at least once.

I hope all of you have a very safe and happy holiday season, and that all of your wishes, numismatic and otherwise, come true. See you in the February issue, in a different color cover, and with an improved quality typeface.

A Treasure to Burn For

by Gayle K. Pike

The trip started quietly enough, as we loaded our briefcases and clothes into the car and started out for Chattanooga The Tennessee State Show is always a favorite; the people are fantastic and the business is always good.

I collect any type of glasssware with coins on it My biggest collection is of the Fostoria coin glass produced in the 1960's and 1970's. I also collect U S and Columbian coin glass of the 1800's. Since I have customers for coin glass, as well as unusual old banks, I like to stop at some of the little antique malls and flea markets encountered during my travels, in the hope of finding a few items.

This was one of those special days that will be remembered for many years, highlighted by the discovery of a lifetime for a collector of coin glass, a treasure not soon to be forgotten...

We stopped in Nashville to poke around one of my favorite antique malls. I have always been able to find a reasonably priced piece or two of Fostoria there. Once, I had even found a Columbian coin goblet.

About two-thirds of the way through the mall booths, I was beginning to feel a little disappointed There hadn't been a single piece of coin glass in sight. Then, as I turned, I made my first discovery. Nestled in the bottom of a showcase was a piece of coin glass, a Columbian coin glass spooner. I bent down and took a quick peek to see what condition the piece was in. It looked undamaged, and I decided I was definitely interested I finished looking through the mall before asking to see it As

I turned to leave the booth, I made my second discovery. There, standing majestically in the center of the booth in a tall, narrow glass display case, was a Columbian coin glass oil lamp, in the milk glass What a beautiful sight! As I looked to check the price, I expected it to be outrageous No, it seemed to be reasonably priced for the piece, not outrageous, but certainly not cheap either

I decided to finish looking through the mall before asking to see the spooner and the lamp I did find one unusual bank, which I purchased for a customer I then returned and asked to take a

closer look at the lamp and the spooner Finding the spooner free of any cracks or chips, I decided to buy the piece Then came my time to examine the oil lamp What a beautiful piece! The saleslady removed it gingerly from the case and handed it to me. I examined it quite carefully - not a chip on it I looked and admired, but passed, deciding it was too much to spend

I make it a habit to carry with me a reference file of information on U S., Columbian and Fostoria coin glass It contains guidelines for determining genuine pieces, describes the coins on each piece, and lists dimensions and other information to help me if I come across a questionable piece, and am unsure of what to do I certainly wished I had that folder at this moment Unfortunately, it was packed in my briefcase, which was buried deep inside my trunk At moments like this, I could just kick myself!

So, I took one last look at the lamp, paid for the spooner and the bank, and departed, happy with the purchases I had made.

As I continued my drive toward Chattanooga, I thought about the lamp, wondering if I had made the right decision by not purchasing it Upon reaching Chattanooga, I unloaded, set up, did a fair amount of business and was glad when the show closed I retired to my room to look through my coin glass file It didn't take me long to discover what a terrible mistake I had made by not purchasing the lamp There it was, in my file, the Columbian coin glass oil lamp in the milk glass is considered by some to be the rarest of the Columbian coin glass pieces I had held one in my hands only a few hours earlier, and had let it go

I tried to console myself, saying it would have

been wrong to spend that much money for my personal collection. With the market lately being so unpredictable, and the profitability of a show impossible to forecast, I tried to convince myself that I had been prudent. However, there was no consoling myself. I had missed a rare find.

The next morning, when I still had the lamp on my mind, I decided I would go back and buy the lamp if the show was halfway decent. I set a realistic goal for myself and vowed that if I reached that goal, I would indeed go back and splurge on this once-in-a-lifetime find.

The show was excellent, the sales brisk. I reached my goal around noon on Saturday and knew that if the lamp were still available, I would be its new owner on Sunday afternoon.

As show departure time approached on Sunday, I got "antsy." Would the lamp still be there, or would someone else have found the bargain and been smart enough to have snapped it up? The suspense was killing me. Due to the change in time zones, I hoped to make it back to Nashville to the antique mall before closing time. As luck would have it, heavy thunderstorms delayed me between Chattanooga and Nashville, and I arrived about thirty minutes after the mall closed. I found a motel and waited.

When the mall opened, I was at the door. I wasn't quite sure I wanted to look in the case, I was afraid the lamp would be gone. I walked around the booth and peeked at the case, like a child peeking through her fingers, not quite sure what I would see. The lamp was gone! No, there it was - just moved slightly. My heart had skipped several beats. I went over to the case and took a look. Yes, I wanted that lamp. I wanted to examine it one

more time, and went to get the saleslady, Marie I examined the lamp very carefully, this time removing the burner to make sure there were no hidden chips. It was perfect. The decision was made, I'll take it. The money was paid in crisp one hundred dollar bills and the lamp carefully wrapped "Enjoy the lamp," Marie chimed as I started out the door with the treasure under my arm. I will, for sure.

Secretary's Notes
Barbara Lowell

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Casino Chips and Slot Tokens: Another Form of Numismatics

by Bob Jones

Casino chips have been around almost as long as there have been legalized gambling houses in this country. Alongside the table chips often supplied by the gaming houses, the favorite coin of gamblers was the silver dollar, or "cartwheel." On any day, you could walk into any casino and hear the musical sounds of silver dollars clinking on the gaming tables and down slot machines with their whirring "click click click" as the rollers came to a halt. Then, in 1965, due to the government's discontinuation of silver coin production and its subsequent hoarding, the U.S. silver dollar virtually disappeared overnight. An eerie silence quickly enveloped the dollar slots and gaming tables.

The casino owners were expecting to lose millions of dollars from the silent slot machines. The gaming tables were not a problem, as gamblers could use paper dollars or one dollar table chips. Unfortunately, neither could be used in the slot machines.

In early 1965, several casino owners contacted up to six medal makers, including the Franklin Mint, and had dollar-sized tokens produced. These tokens, like casino chips, have the name of the casino imprinted on them. Unintentionally, a new field of numismatics was born. Today, there are over 30 companies producing casino chips and tokens.

It is believed by some that the early slot tokens were made of silver, like the silver dollars they replaced. This is partly true. A few proof and special presentation pieces were made of 999 fine

silver But the early general circulation pieces were made from a variety of metals, including nickel-silver, nickel-brass, copper, copper-nickel, aluminum and brass Some were even gold plated

There are two types of slot machine tokens produced today The first type is called Face Value Tokens. These tokens have a cash return value, ranging from 50 cents up to $25. The second type of slot machine token is called Free Play This token type has no cash value, and must be played in a slot machine to have a chance to win a cash amount These tokens are complimentary, given to hotel and casino guests as a thank-you.

Table chips come in a variety of background colors, with bands of other colors around their outer edge. Some have metal centers and fiber or plastic rings, similar in appearance to the bimetallic coins of Italy. The most common background colors for table chips by denomination are as follows $1, blue or white; $2 50, pink; $5, red, $25, green; $100, black, $500, purple or violet, $1000, pink.

Collectors of casino chips and slot tokens usually collect by casino, instead of by date and mint as with coins. Some casinos have dated tokens, but the date is not always changed when new ones are made. Some of the smaller casinos use the same slot tokens for years, and it is difficult to find pieces in better than fine to very fine condition.

Unlike slot tokens, table chips are changed in design from time to time, to foil counterfeiting Whenever a casino changes its table chips, the old chips are devalued after a specified date. After that date, a collector can often obtain a $100, $500, or even a $1000 chip for under $50. Slot tokens from older casinos that have closed have become quite scarce and valuable, since state and federal laws

require that, when a casino closes, its chips and slot tokens be destroyed

Federal and state laws also forbid a casino to use any chips or slot tokens other than its own Table chips are easy to control, but slot tokens are another story The majority of slot machines cannot distinguish a Trump's Taj Mahal token from a Horseshoe Casino token or, in fact, any slot token from another There are only a few casinos with slot machines equipped with security devices One reason for this is that such devices are expensive, another is that Ike Dollars cannot be used in such machines

Therefore, most casinos have a trade agreement which is similar to the U S Currency Trade Laws When a casino empties its slot machines, the owners put aside all tokens that are not their own and, upon reaching a set amount from a particular casino (usually a multiple of $1000), return them to that casino in exchange for tokens of their own

If you are interested in collecting casino chips and tokens, there are several advertisers in the numismatic trade journals who deal in these items There are several good books on the subject, including *Guide To Collecting Gaming Checks and Chips* and *Cashing In On Tokens* by Gary Weicks, both selling for under $30 The Casino Chips and Gaming Token Collectors Club promotes this area of numismatics, and can be contacted by writing to Mr Chips, P O Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723. With the prices of most U S coins out of the reach of the average collector, casino chips and tokens can be an affordable and highly enjoyable alternative

Free Play token from the Silverbird Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada

$1 chip (in red, white, black and gold) from

Trump's Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, New Jersey

1979 dated token from Jim's Casino in West Wendover, Nevada

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Mar 27-28 **Waco, TX** **75 Tables**
15th Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show
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11th Annual Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show
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July 10-11 **Amarillo, TX**
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Beginning Balance from Aug 31, 1992 report		$27495.65
less encumbered funds		(11722.83)
RECEIPTS:		TOTAL
Dues	$ 72.00	
Interest	203.82	
Medal Sales	30.50	
TNA News Ad	45.00	
Sale of Property	15.00	
		$ 366.32
DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Allowance	$ 450.00	
Expenses	178.67	
Editor Allowance	150.00	
Expenses	404.15	
TNA News Printing Costs	872.85	
Postage	300.00	
Bank Service Charges	40.78	
Bad Check & Fee	23.00	
Dues to Numis Society	30.00	
		$2449.45
AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT		$13689.69
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	$1056.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund	666.58	
Life Membership C.D. Account	10000.00	
		$11722.83
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF NOVEMBER 31, 1992		$25412.52

District Meetings

DISTRICT 1

Seventeen members and one guest attended the August 6 meeting of the **Fort Worth Coin Club**. Club president Bob Slocum read aloud the TNA Hall of Fame commendation of club member Howard Luke. Robert Mallet spoke of a Georgia coin club which experienced good response by stamping the club name on numismatic reading material and distributing it in locations where the public would be exposed to it.

The September 3 meeting was attended by twenty-two members and six guests, one of whom became a new club member. The meeting was highlighted by Jim Howard's enlightening talk on finding lost or hidden coins.

Fourteen members and two visitors made it to the October 1 meeting. The meeting was devoted almost entirely to lining up volunteers to work the club show scheduled for October 24-25.

Eighteen members and three guests listened to reports of the October show at the November 5 meeting. Both the club and the dealers reported that the show was profitable, and pronounced it a success. Eletta Havens gave a talk on the judging of displays at the show, and election of new officers was held.

The club is pleased to announce that it will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each

month at 3220 Botanic Gardens throughout 1993
--Cleo Moss, club Secretary

Approximately two dozen members gathered for the September 14 meeting of the Stephenville Coin Club. They were treated to an auction of about 30 lots, conducted by a weird auctioneer. He tried to get 2 or 3 times what items were worth, and after describing an 1892 half dollar, he told the members that they could find others by calling an 800 number. Everyone present, except the auctioneer, knew that there weren't 800 numbers in the 19th century! Another time, he had to be told to turn his magnifier around because everything was upside down and he couldn't read it. This reporter was not alone in being thoroughly entertained by this auctioneer's performance.

Twenty two people were present at the meeting of October 26 at the Golden Corral. The club Christmas party and white elephant sale were scheduled for December 14 at the same location. Each member was given a data sheet listing the gold and silver content of coins of the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Loreen Randal told the story of a gold brick that her brother had purchased for $1500 a number of years ago. Her husband had bought it from him a few years later, and sold it in New Mexico in 1990 for $7000. The story was very interesting.
--Howard W. Luke, reporter &
Mary Lively, club Secretary

DISTRICT IV

The Austin Texas Coin Club meeting on October 12 featured a show and tell. The youngest member in attendance, six-year-old Emrys Smith, showed a 1993 numismatic calendar, and he pointed out some

important dates for collectors Lyman Bartee showed a proof White House commemorative half dollar, and Larry Smulczenski displayed U.S. yellow seal North Africa banknotes used by U.S. troops during World War II.

At the November 10 meeting, the club voted as a TNA Chapter to place the following names into nomination for the 1993-1994 TNA election: President, Joe Olson, 1st Vice President, Leo Deland; 2nd Vice President, Mac Kennady, Secretary, Barbara Lowell, and District IV Governor, Lyman Bartee The club also elected its own officers for 1993: Harry Barnette, President, Francis Smith, Vice President, and Lyman Bartee, Secretary/Treasurer The program was by J.C. Wang, who talked in depth about Standing Liberty quarters, their history, design and grading features He also showed some beautiful examples from his personal collection

--**Larry Smulczenski, club Vice President**

The October 15 meeting of the **Capital City Coin Club** was the first to be held at its new location, the North Loop Library, 2210 Hancock Drive Fourteen members and two guests were present All were encouraged to phone, write or visit Harry Barnette, who was recovering at home from heart surgery A note of thanks to members for their help at the Austin Coin Club's recent show was read aloud by club vice-president Larry Smulczenski Jack Moir then gave an educational talk on RPM's (repunched mint marks) He illustrated his talk by passing around thirty-four 1960-D Lincoln Cents, each with a different variety of RPM Jack pointed out that RPM's are gaining acceptance into major numismatic works, including the Red Book He ended his talk with a contest to see who could guess

how much he paid for his thirty-four varieties of 1960 D cent, and awarded a 1961-D RPM cent to each of the three members with the closest guesses. The meeting adjourned after a short auction.

Twenty members and two guests found their way to the library for the November 19 meeting. Club President Kim Cromack read a letter from Dick Mowrey, announcing his resignation as Bourse Chairman for the annual show. Attendees then discussed plans for the club's Christmas party, which will be held at the Best Western South on December 17. Due to the current level of the club treasury and the unpredictability of the success of the 1993 show, members voted to have the club pay for members' meals, but have guests pay for their own meals, rather than to have the club pay for members and one guest apiece, as in the past. A nominating committee, comprised of Steve Liarakos, Mac Kennady and Bob Metzger, agreed to prepare a slate of candidates for 1993 club elections, to be held at the Christmas meeting. New member Gerry Kammer, recently relocated from Waco, was welcomed to the club. Members also voted, as a TNA Chapter, to nominate the following individuals for consideration in the upcoming TNA election: President, Joe Olson, 1st Vice President, Leo Deland, 2nd Vice President, Mac Kennady, Secretary, Barbara Lowell; District IV Governor, Lyman Bartee.
--**Kim Cromack, club President &**
Bob Metzger, club Vice President

Ten members and eight guests were in attendance at the **Williamson County Coin Club** meeting on October 1. Three of the guests became members during the meeting. TNA First Vice President Mac Kennady gave a program, espousing membership in

the TNA Mac's presentation must have been a good one - afterward, the WCCC became the newest TNA member club. Other club business was finalized during the evening: the December meeting will be a Christmas dinner at the 620 Cafe in Round Rock, with Colonel Bill Murray of San Antonio as special guest speaker; and club membership cards will be hand written by club Curator Chuck Elkins' wife, who is a skilled calligrapher.

At the November 5 meeting, eleven members and two guests were treated to an ANA videotape, "Just Say No!," chronicling public opinion on coin design changes throughout U S history Club officers Gabe Proctor and Chuch Elkins reported on their meeting with officials at Georgetown High School regarding the club's desire to share numismatic knowledge with students The club will be allowed to set up educational displays in the High School Library, and was encouraged to talk to administrators at the Junior High regarding the possibility of doing classroom presentations there. After the business meeting, club members participated in a "Let's Make a Deal" swap and sale session.

The TNA welcomes the Williamson County Coin Club to its ranks! The WCCC meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Thursday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church, 510 Luther Drive, Georgetown
--Gabe Proctor, club President

DISTRICT V

Seventeen members and a guest turned out for the September 17 meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** Club members decided that this year's Christmas dinner would once again be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, and that a "White Elephant" auction of items donated by members would be held to help defray the costs.

The September program was by John Creviston, who talked about long term preservation of coins. John discussed methods of storage, security, insurance, and the importance of protection against damage from temperature, humidity and light. He also evaluated the pros and cons of albums, tubes, flips and slabs for short and long term storage. After John's talk, an auction of seventeen items concluded the meeting, netting the club $4.66.

The October 15 meeting was called to order with thirteen members and a guest in attendance. It was decided that notice of club meetings will be printed in the Dallas Morning News Guide on Fridays, with a phone number only, in order to ensure that newcomers are serious enough to call and ask for the location. Ben Hong gave a program on currency. He showed many slides of pieces in his personal collection, illustrating different types of Republic of Texas notes, many of which are scarce. He also showed the different kinds of paper used, and explained some of the production process. The meeting closed with an auction, which added $1.78 to the club treasury.

--Michael P. Grant, club Secretary/Treasurer

The October 13 meeting of the **Garland Coin Club** was attended by only ten members and two guests, due to the evening's nationally televised Vice Presidential debate. New members Mike Ruwaldt and Stephen Law were voted into the club. President Tim Lee announced that the date for the first of the two 1993 club shows has been set as March 20, and that at least twenty-three eight-foot tables will be available. Members were reminded that a slate of officers for 1993 must be finalized by the November meeting. The evening's program was

a Red Book quiz by Tim One member got all ten questions correct, and received a prize of a one-ounce silver round The meeting ended with an auction, earning $4.30 for the club treasury.

Thirteen members and 4 guests enjoyed a bourse and a larger than usual auction at the November 10 meeting Plans were made for the club Christmas meeting, which will feature meat and drinks provided by the club and vegetables and desserts provided by members The meeting will be held, as usual, in the Women's Activities Building, which, members were reminded, has a microwave oven The forementioned auction closed the meeting and netted the club $4 45.

--Ron Blaha, club Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Election of officers highlighted the September 24 meeting of the Clements Coin Club, the largest high school coin club in the United States Twenty-one candidates competed for nine positions, with the following results President, Min Li Hu, 1st VP, Tom Berenguel; 2nd VP, Jennifer Jones; Secretary, Naureen Khan, Treasurer, Orson Sydora, Historian, Linda Johnson, Co-Historian, Hina Roopani, Editor, Imran Charania, Publisher, Afshan Charania.

The October 8 meeting included a discussion of the club's 1992-1993 educational project on world coins. Members were reminded that the school library contains over forty books on numismatics, and that the member who has completed Project Research Sheets on the largest number of coins by the end of school will receive a special prize.

The October 22 newsletter contained an informative article on mules, by Tom Berenguel Tom explained that a mule is a coin, medal or token

with an obverse and reverse never intended to appear together. He cited the 1992 Coin World Medal as an example of a mule.

The October 29 newsletter contained a letter from ANA Educational Services Director James Taylor, conveying congratulations to the club as first place winner in the 1992 National Coin Week contest, for Club A category. One YN and one adult scholarship to the 1993 or 1994 ANA Summer Conference were awarded to the club to honor this achievement. Club sponsor Ralph Ross announced that Min Li Hu would be the recipient of the YN scholarship.
--club newsletter, The C-Cubed

DISTRICT VII

The Alamo Coin Club's show, held October 17-18, was a success, according to both the general public and the dealers. During the show, the club played its newly-acquired copy of the ANA videotape, "Grading Mint State Coins." It was an educational experience for everyone who saw it.

An interesting article on Notgeld, emergency money of the first half of the twentieth century, appeared in the November club newsletter. There were also updates on some long-distance members. John and Kathy Kallman recently moved to Minnesota after residing in Japan for many years; and Steve Young is teaching at the Paek Say Sook Foreign Language Institute in the Republic of Korea.
--club newsletter, The Alamo News

Eighteen members and two visitors attended the September 3 meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club**. The slate of officers for 1993 was announced: President, Robert Lacewell; Vice-President, Frank Galindo; Treasurer, Raymond Tate, Secretary,

Marianne Hunter The meeting closed with an auction called by Walter Cleavette

The September 17 meeting also had eighteen members in attendance, along with one guest The dates for the 1993 club show were confirmed to be May 22-23 The slate of officers presented at the previous meeting was elected, and a round table discussion of numismatic subjects was held The meeting concluded with Robert Lacewell's report on the ANA's 101st Anniversary Convention in Orlando.

At the October 1 meeting, twenty-one members participated in a round table discussion and an auction The attendance prize, an 1870 Maria Teresa Taler, was won by Cliff Valley

Twenty-four members and two visitors turned out for the October 15 meeting They were treated to a talk on Australian money by Ed Witt, who illustrated his talk with coins, currency and photos, and sprinkled it with humorous anecdotes.

--club newsletter, The Gatepost

DISTRICT IX

A crowd of forty-three people turned out for the October 5 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**. Plans for the annual Christmas party and charity auction were finalized at the meeting Also, 1993 club officers were elected and installed, as follows: President, Frank Hezmall, Vice President, Hanson Ling, and Secretary-Treasurer, Bobby McMichael. A secret ballot was employed to select the club member of the year; the winner's name will be revealed at the Christmas party. Once business was taken care of, James Golden gave a program on Barber coinage The meeting ended with an auction conducted by Herman Jacobs and Hanson Ling

--Lamonte Pitzer, reporter

DISTRICT XI

The Golden Spread Coin Club of Amarillo met on September 2 at its customary location, in the President's Room of the First National Bank at 8th and Taylor A nominating committee submitted a slate of 1993 officers to the membership, elections were scheduled for the November meeting The program was a show & tell, with a discussion of U.S. paper money The September club newsletter shone its member spotlight on Diane Morie, a nurse, long-time collector of U S and foreign coins, and three-year club board member

The October 5 meeting featured a program by David Bitting, entitled "Pricing Structure in the Numismatic Market" Members were reminded to cast their votes for club officers by November 2 The monthly newsletter spotlighted member George Kuntz, collector of coins and stamps, and owner of the Royal Coin and Stamp Shop George has been involved in the hobby since age 4, and is joined in his collecting pursuits by his wife and son

According to an October 14 letter from ANA Educational Director James Taylor, the Golden Spread Coin Club has been awarded first place in the ANA's National Coin Week contest, Club B category The club's prize consists of one adult and one YN scholarship for the 1993 or 1994 ANA Summer Conference
--club newsletter

DISTRICT XIII

The Red River Coin Club meeting on November 5 featured officer elections. 1993 club officers will be. President, Ted Brewer; Vice President, Bill McCue; Secretary, E B "Robby" Robinson; and Treasurer,

Connally O'Brein It was announced that all tables for the November 21-22 club show had been sold. The annual Christmas dinner was scheduled for December 3 at the Iowa Park Activity Center; members of the Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club and the Texoma Stamp Club and their guests will be invited to attend The club voted unanimously to nominate member Ray Whyborn as a candidate for District XIII Governor in the upcoming TNA election. Due to the length of the meeting, Mike George's scheduled educational program was postponed until January 7

--Raymond E. Whyborn, reporter

DISTRICT XV

Twenty-six people were present at the September 3 meeting of the Port Arthur Coin Club It was announced that the club has donated a copy of the book, "Collectable U.S. Coins," to the Port Arthur Library in memory of club member Bill Mc Neill's wife The report on the club's annual show was very positive, with most dealers indicating that they had a very profitable show. Jerry Weaver entertained and educated those present at the meeting with some "Did Ya Knows," interesting facts relating to numismatics

Fifteen members attended the October 1 meeting. A revision to the club by-laws, allowing annual changes to club dues on an as-needed basis, was approved; nonetheless, dues for 1993 will remain at the 1992 level. Also, a plan to hold both a spring and a fall show, involving all four area clubs (Beaumont, Orange, Silsbee and Port Arthur) was approved by members It was reported that Orange and Silsbee have also approved this arrangement. The program was by John Barnes, who showed a

video on counterfeit detection

The club reminds everyone that it meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.00 P.M., at the Jefferson County Airport

--**Ken Seholm, reporter**

DISTRICT XVII

The main item of business at the October 8 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club** was the nomination of club officer candidates for 1993. Elections will be held at the November 12 meeting. Club president Glenn Hardin reminded members to reserve the evening of December 10 for the club's annual Christmas party. Local dealer Dalton Adams announced that the Waco Convention Center will be the site for the 1993 Texas Coin Dealers Association annual show on January 16-17. The evening's program was by J.P. Jones, who read an article by R.W. Julian on the U.S. "War Nickel," noting that October 8 marked the 50th anniversary of the authorization for the wartime alloy change.

On November 12, twenty-two members were present, despite the televised A&M vs. Houston football game. Club officers for 1993 were elected: President, Glenn Hardin, 1st Vice President, Don Miller, 2nd Vice President, Darron Ellsworth; Treasurer, George Kubal; and Secretary, J.P. Jones. Glenn mentioned that he had recently presented a program on coin collecting to a class at South Waco Elementary School. Members voiced their support for continuation of the quarterly "Swap Nights" and discussed the types of programs they would like to see in the future. The meeting concluded with an auction and a swap session.

--**J.P. Jones, reporter**

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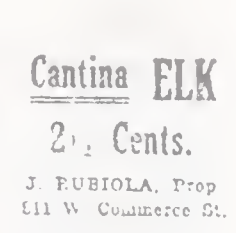

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